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In re the PATENT application of

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Examiner: Sarah K. Webb

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For: Angled Tissue Cutting Instruments Having Flexible Inner
Tubular Members of Tube and Sleeve Construction

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

MAIL STOP: PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2007.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the subject patent application and stand finally rejected by the Examiner.

Reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The final rejection of claims 1-16 as being unpatentable over Krause et al '350 in view of Krause et al '922, Cesarini et al and either Whayne, Stephan et al or Hinohara et al is respectfully traversed and believed improper for the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 recites "an elongate flexible inner tubular member ... comprising ... an elongate tubular body ..., a flexible region along said body ..., said